

DISTRICT OF NORTH SAANICH

**PROCLAMATION**

**ALS**  
**(Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis)**  
**AWARENESS WEEK**

**MAY 31 – JUNE 6, 2009**

WHEREAS Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis is a deadly, little known but fairly common disease of the nervous system; the cause is not known, it generally occurs between the ages of 20 to 90 and peaks in the 60's to 70's; life expectancy is generally considered to be about 2 to 4 years; and

WHEREAS it is also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease or Motor Neuron Disease and attacks the motor neurons which convey the brain's message throughout the body and when the muscles do not receive these messages, they wither, lose their strength and become useless and the patient is paralyzed; almost all victims are already handicapped in some way when they have **ALS**; and

WHEREAS **ALS** generally strikes people with no history of the disease in their family and, due to the rather vague nature of many of the symptoms, such as fatigue, diagnosis is often difficult; and

WHEREAS although **ALS** does not affect the mind or senses and severe pain is not generally associated with the disease, it does occur world-wide and the short life span of most **ALS** patients is the principal reason for the lack of public awareness; and therefore it is important that we recognize the efforts of our citizens against this disease;

WHEREAS it is important that we recognize the efforts of our citizens against this disease;

NOW THEREFORE I, Alice Finall, Mayor of the District of North Saanich, do hereby proclaim May 31 to June 6, 2009 to be "**ALS (AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL SCLEROSIS) WEEK**" and June 6, 2009 as "**ALS FLOWER DAY**" in the District of North Saanich.

IN WITNESS , I set my hand this 11 day of May, 2009.

---

ALICE FINALL  
MAYOR

